

Mrs. G. B. Macfarlane left this week for Columbia where she will reside.

Misses Claire and Pearl Tucker are home from a visit to relatives in California.

Mexico Democrats have subscribed about \$200 toward the Bryan campaign fund.

Champ Clark will make a speech at the picnic given in Heaton's Grove near Vandalia today.

Miss Martha Frost returned last week from an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Elmer Cunningham, at Paducah, Ky.

J. D. Mackay, an expert watch maker, late of Louisiana, is now connected with the R. D. Worrell jewelry house in Mexico.

Mr. Theodore Stanton of Shreveport, La., returned to his home Friday after a few weeks visit with his aunt Mrs. J. A. Sullivan. His cousin, Leo Sullivan, accompanied him to Daniphan, Mo.

Mrs. Ira Lee Lott Faulkner of Lewiston, Maine, is visiting her grand parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Lott, of near Venice. She is on her way to visit her father, J. D. Lott, in Holtville, California.

Eld. W. H. Hook by special request preached at Red Top Christian church in Boone county last Sunday. He baptized Miss Josie Weldon. Mr. Hook was pastor of this church several years ago.

The Audrain county Democratic committee held a meeting in Mexico Tuesday afternoon and formulated plans for carrying on the campaign in the county. Democracy is waking up over the county, over the State and thruout the Nation. Getting ready to elect the great commoner, W. J. Bryan the next President of the United States.

Joe Turns the Joke.

Mexico, Mo., Aug. 31, 1908

EDITOR MESSAGE:

In reply to Prof. S. T. Davis, one might think he and Jerry Botkin, Democratic candidate for Governor of Kansas, have the joke on me and the balance of the Botkins on earth. It is well that we get our eye open some time in life, but the route some of us go to get them open is what shocks us. Jerry and I lived down in Linn Co., Kansas, in 1867. The last I saw of Jerry before leaving Mound City the capital of Linn Co., he had a fiddle under his arm going out to fiddle for a nigger dance. He was not a voter then, I guess. The next I knew of him he was a preacher. The first of his political life I think he espoused the prohibition cause with St. John at the head of the ticker. Next jump he landed in the camp of the Sockless Jerry Simpson. He was elected to Congress one term, turned down for a second. He flew the coop and now finds himself a full fledged Democrat. Should he lose out on this, he won't tell Prof. Davis to hollow ("Hello Joe to me.")

JOSEPH B. BOTKIN

Some Cash; Some News.

Sam Bise and family are new readers of this paper.

George W. Spencer has enlisted with the MESSAGE for a year.

C. H. Sharp of Santa Fe is ahead on his subscription to the MESSAGE to July, 1909.

Maurice Griffin, who helps "The Only Way" at Francis, hands us the cash for the MESSAGE.

W. R. Salles, that handy man with brick and mortar, hands us his subscription for the MESSAGE.

Mat Neil of Rush Hill has moved to a farm near Molino and now gets the MESSAGE at the latter postoffice.

E. W. Lierheimer, of near Benton City, called the other day and had his subscription date moved up a year in advance.

Miss Blanche White of near Benton City took up school in the Hickory Grove district last Monday. She gets the MESSAGE at Laddonia.

Loris Hofrichter, of the Botts school district near Molino, was in town Monday and subscribed for the MESSAGE for his father, F. Hofrichter.

F. R. Beck, who is now keeping a notion and sundries store at Cartersville, Mo., sends a dollar for the MESSAGE and adds: "I can't get along without a letter from home every week."

T. S. Dwyer, formerly of this county, after spending five months in Colorado, has moved back to Troy, Mo., at which place he wishes to receive the MESSAGE. He writes us that he found the West a good place to live, but he thinks Missouri a better place to make the price.

S. P. Snyder, of near Paris, brought a load of oats over to the Mexico market Monday, getting 42 cents. He paid his respects to this office and moved up his subscription date into 1909. Mr. Snyder is the fine dog man of Monroe county. He raises the swiftest fox hounds in all that section. He invited us over to go fishing with him; maybe we can go some time.

Mrs. W. E. Heying, of Miami, Mo., was in Mexico last Saturday on her way to Montgomery City to see her mother, who is quite aged and sick. Mrs. Heying called and paid for the MESSAGE to March, 1910. She says her son, Oscar, is farming in Chariton county last year and this spring the high waters destroyed 100 acres of wheat for him and 50 acres of young corn. His loss was near \$1,500.